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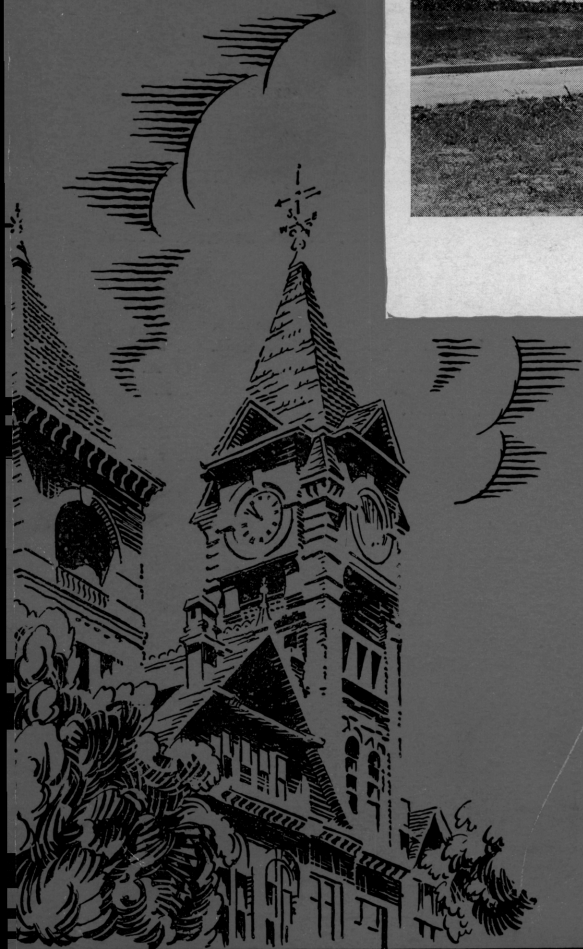


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J. H. White Returns to Auburn with Associates To Open Natural Gas Lines in This Section

As President of the Southern Natural Gas Corporation, Mr. White ex-'13 Directs the Destinies of an Organization Which Has Recently Invested \$15,500,000 in Alabama By Extending Its Lines Throughout the State. Vast Outlays Also Have Been Expended in Mississippi and Georgia to Supply These States with Natural Gas From Fields Near Monroe, La.

AN AUBURN man, having gone out into the world and achieved, walked again within the shadows of the old Main Towers on December 10 in the person of J. H. White ex-'13, president of the Southern Natural Gas Corporation, who came to Auburn with officials of his company for the formal opening of his company's gas lines in the College City. At the banquet tendered Mr. White and his associates by the civic clubs of Auburn, President Knapp officially extended the college's commendations to Mr. White.

Prof. Frank W. Orr, president of the Lions Club, presided throughout the program during which George H. Parks, the corporation's superintendent of distribution, Mayor W. D. Copeland of Auburn and others were presented. The Auburn Glee Club sang under the direction of John W. Brigham.

Tribute to Auburn

In the course of his address, a touching tribute and beautiful sentiment were expressed by Mr. White for his old college and the immortal Auburn personalities so dear to him—the beloved Dr. Charles C. Thach and Dr. B. B. "Bennie" Ross: "Having been a student in years past at the great educational institution located within your city I feel that it would be inappropriate for me not to refer to it tonight. However, it is not with unmixed feelings that I returned. Time has passed on, and some of the faces which were familiar to me are no more. There are two faces missing from the group tonight, who were not only wise counsellors to me and to thousands of other students but they were friends in every sense of the word, and I would like the privilege of mentioning the names of Dr. Charles C. Thach and Dr. B. B. Ross.

"The ideals of some of the pioneers of your institution here have been

literally drilled into the minds and lives of many of its students. There must have been times when the pioneers of this institution dreamed that it would enjoy the distinction which it has today, but it was only a dream, as they were unable to realize their ambitions. In 1830 the eminent Eng-



J. H. WHITE, ex-'13

lish essayist, Macaulay, during the trying and perilous times of 1830 wrote: 'On what principle is it that when we see nothing but improvement behind us, we are to expect nothing but deterioration before us? A single breaker may recede—but the tide is coming in.'

"It must have been faith and courage such as Macaulay expressed that the pioneers of this institution carried on their work. Since they have gone their activities have fallen upon able shoulders, and I am sure have progressed to a point today even beyond their dreams."

Historic Event

MR. WHITE'S address continues in part: "I would be less than human if I were not appreciative of your courtesy to me tonight, and for myself, for my associates and my fellow employees, I wish to thank you. We are all glad to be here.

"The coming of natural gas into the Southeast, and Alabama, is an historic event. Carrying this great element more than a thousand miles under many rivers, through hills, mountains and swamps, together with all the other obstacles intervened, was an engineering feat of considerable magnitude, the records of which we are pardonably proud.

"Natural gas was first used in Fredonia, New York, over 100 years ago. The increase in the use of natural gas has been phenomenal. Over 200 American cities use natural gas as their principal fuel. At this time 78 per cent of all gas used in America is natural gas, supplying fuel for more than 4,000,000 homes.

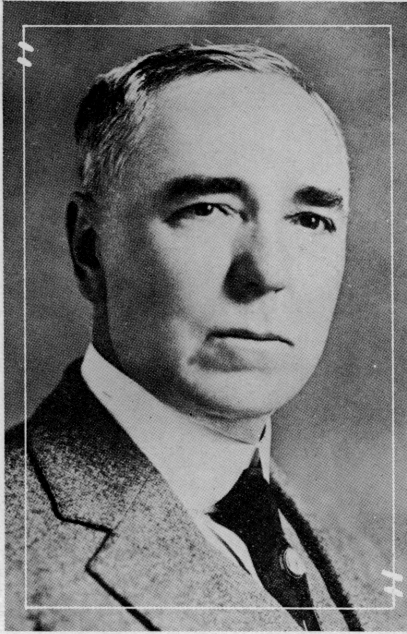
At the beginning of the year 1930 there was invested in natural gas properties about \$2,000,000,000. By the end of this year an additional \$300,000,000 will have been invested in this industry. The increase in the consumption of natural gas has been greatest within the last 10 years. Science has played its part in the expansion of the natural gas industry.

Can Be Piped 1,000 Miles

First, engineering developments have exploded the old theory that natural gas could not be piped economically for any considerable distance. By the use of new high pressure steel pipe it is now possible to carry natural gas a distance of 1,000 miles. Owing to these engineering achievements and to stronger pipe the inter-connection of cities, far

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Distinguished Auburn Alumni



CYRUS W. ASHCRAFT '88

Soon after his graduation in 1893, his ability as an organizer became apparent to the business men of his circle, and he was assisting widely in organizing various corporations in Florence, Ala., holding offices and directorships in fifteen different companies including commercial fertilizer firms, cotton mills, wagon works, agricultural corporations, bag companies, chemical companies, and banking institutions. He assisted in organizing the Ashcraft-Wilkinson Company of which he is now president.

He is past president of the Associated Charities, and the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. During the war period Mr. Ashcraft was active in many patriotic organizations, made a member of the Bond Commission, and was decorated by the President of France as a "Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur."

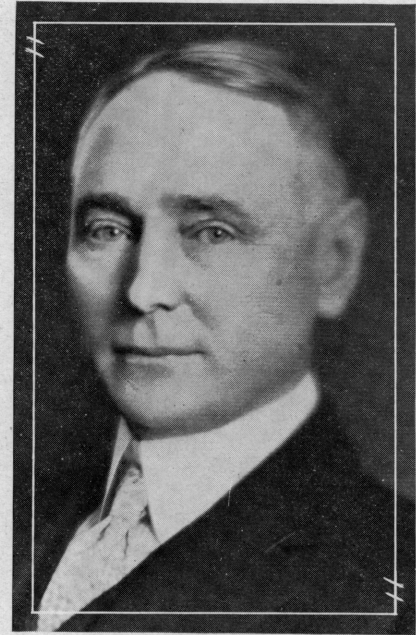
Mr. Ashcraft has travelled extensively in the British Isles, Scandinavia, and on the continent of Europe. At present he is a director in the Rotary Club and a member of the Executive Committee of the President's Club of Atlanta.

CYRUS WASHINGTON ASHCRAFT '88, executive, statesman, and prospector, was born in Clay County, Ala., Feb. 27, 1866. He was educated in the public schools of Newton and Brundidge, Ala., and received his B.S. from Auburn, afterward teaching English for two years at the Florence State Normal College.

With M. W. Camper, he founded the Florence Times, July 4, 1890, and himself founded and published the Opelika Post from 1894-98. He was organizer, president, and manager of the Ashcraft Cotton Mills from 1899-1918; served in the state legislature from 1922-30; and was First Vice-President of the Tennessee River Improvement Association during the period of procuring charge of government plans for development of Muscle Shoals. Mr. Ashcraft is a trustee of Auburn and the Judson College at Marion. He is president and director of the Alabama Rock Asphalt Company and the Alabama Mineral Company, and is at present connected with the American Cynamid Company at New York. In 1921 he turned prospector, discovered and developed deposits of asphaltic limestone in Northwestern Alabama for paving purposes.

He volunteered for overseas service in 1918, and served as Y. M. C. A. secretary, chauffeur, and Division and Personnel Secretary in France. In 1919 he was moved to Coblenz and became Chief Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in the Army of Occupation, where he remained until his discharge in 1919.

HONOR SEEKS out those who have shown themselves fit. Lee Ashcraft of the Ashcraft-Wilkinson Company of Atlanta, has shown himself fit, and the honors came of themselves.



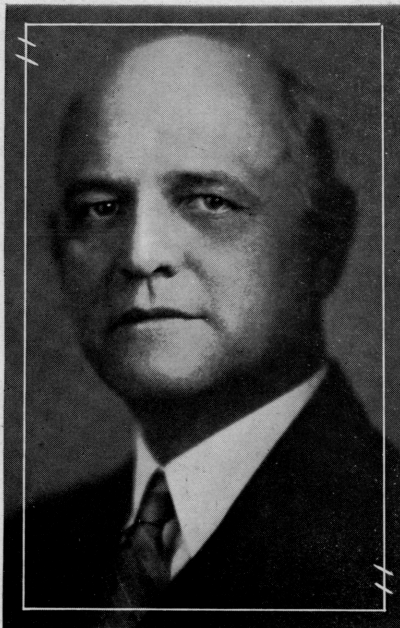
LEE ASHCRAFT '93

WILLIAM MARTIN WILLIAMS '96, was born at West Point, Ga., Sept. 12, 1877. He took his graduate work at A. P. I., finishing the M.S. degree in 1897, during which time he taught variously Latin, history, and mathematics here.

He attended the Harvard University Law School from 1899-1901, and practiced law in New York City from 1902-08. From 1908-17, he was a member of a firm of lawyers in Montgomery, but left to become a solicitor for the U. S. Department of Agriculture where he remained for three years. In 1921 he became associated with the law firm of Williams, Myers, and Quiggle at Washington, where he has remained.

He was a captain of cadets at Auburn in 1896; a member of the Squadron A, N. G. N. Y., 1903-07; and Captain Co. L, 12th Infantry, N. G. N. Y., in 1908.

Mr. Williams is a member of the Alabama, Montgomery, District of Columbia, and American Bar Associations; Kappa Alpha Fraternity; a Democrat; and K. P. He is likewise a member of the Cosmos, Chevy Chase, Metropolitan, Lawyers, Congressional Country (Washington), Harvard (New York), and Seaview Golf Clubs.



W. M. WILLIAMS '96

College Topics--Student Publication in 1891 Reveals Queer Capers on Auburn Campus

A tattered copy of the old magazine from the library of the late Walter Merritt Riggs '93, former president of Clemson College, was received by Miss Mary E. Martin, college librarian, who temporarily turned it over to the Alumni Office. Those of you for whom this article awakens many memories of those eventful Auburn days in the nineties have Miss Martin to thank for her thoughtfulness in bringing this to our attention.—Editor.

OVERLESS and rather the worse for its forty years of existence, a copy of Vol 1, No. 1, **College Topics** drifted through the Alumni Office the other day. But a pen-scrrawl in the upper right-hand corner read "Session I entered college—W. R." The date of the little monthly magazine, which is the early forerunner of the *Plainsman*, is January 1891, and "W. R." stands for the late Walter (Merritt) Riggs '93, former president of Clemson College in South Carolina.

Walter Riggs, at least according to the modest mast-head of **Topics**, was not a staff member of this newer neophyte in Auburn journalism. He was probably too busy at that time garnering the credits toward his B. S. degree in '93, and, later his M. E. in '94, to have had any great amount of time to write; but very likely he wanted to, as did most other schoolmen wish to write for the college paper in those days. Things were different . . .

Each of the literary societies elected its own editor for the **Topics** staff, the Wirts chose W. A. Marshall, whose death has been recently carried in these columns; and the Websterians chose C. C. ("Mucket") Johnson, now Superintendent of Schools at Marion. They probably divided the routine business of editing and revising the copy which came in from members of their respective organizations, while the associate editors performed the remainder of that duty.

Both Marshall and Johnson wrote editorials, and were aided in the writing of stories by the associate editors. This latter group consisted of C. B. Glenn, now Superintendent of the Birmingham Public Schools; R. D.

McAllister, now connected with the National Rubber Co., St. Louis, Mo.; J. T. Heflin, Senator from Alabama, and L. P. Heyman, a longtime merchant at West Point, Ga.; C. L. Hare, at present Professor of Physical and Physiological Chemistry at Auburn, was chosen as business manager of **Topics**.

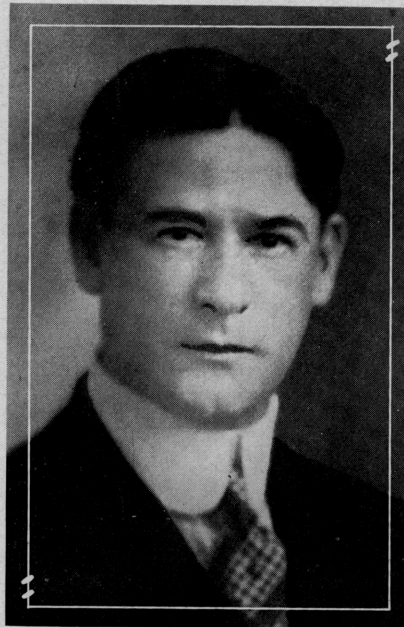
According to J. R. Rutland '00 now head professor of the Department of English at Auburn, **College Topics** was not the first literary effort at A. P. I.: Charlie Glenn had tried his hand at editing some time before this. There is no information available at

ment that "if it meets with even a limited success at first it will fill an opening long neglected". This statement makes it appear that it was really the first campus venture.

The purpose and platform of this tyro was flatly stated: "We want it distinctly understood from the beginning that it (**Topics**) is no money-making machine". Their platform was simple: "We shall write without fear or favor. We shall endeavor to make the magazine a true reflection of our inner college life." Follows an appeal to the professors to feel free to contribute, and to the students an invitation to submit any sentiments they believe will be of interest. Finally comes that ancient plea of all journals: "Lend us your support, and we will do all in our power to make this an interesting and readable magazine".

The first edition contained some interesting items. "We Must Educate", an anonymous essay in high-flown prose, contained arguments for the life of higher learning, and is replete with quotations from the Greek and Roman historians, as well as oratory recently uttered in the halls of Legislature. Perhaps Senator Heflin was responsible. An editorial, anonymous also, contains a message to the literary societies, fraternities, Y. M. C. A., football, baseball, and tennis clubs—"and even to each individual student to do something to advance the cause"—and the "cause" was stir-

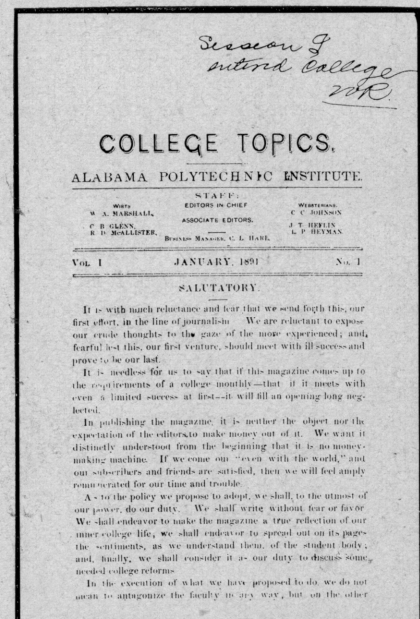
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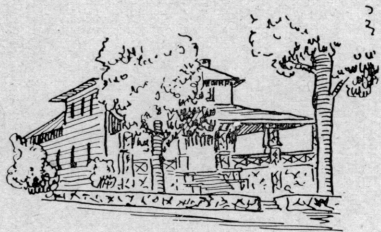
WALTER MERRITT RIGGS '93

present to investigate this statement, although some of the old-timers who read this can probably recall what that effort was and why it failed. It is known, of course, that each of the societies had had their individual publications before this.

College Topics began its career, which lasted until November, 1892, when it was supplanted by **The College Index**, with the usual apologetic salutary, probably penned by one of the editors: "It is with much reluctance and fear that we send forth this, our first effort, in the line of journalism. We are reluctant to expose our crude thoughts to the gaze of the more experienced; and fearful lest this, our first venture, should meet with ill success and prove to be our last". There follows the state-



Some of The Old Boarding Houses



Rutlage Home

ASSOCIATED with your boarding place while in Auburn are doubtless many "college boy" memories that flash back into mind when the old boarding house is mentioned. As you well know many Auburn boarding house keepers were more than just proprietresses—they served as real counselors and "mothers" to you during your college days.

The other day some journalism students scouted around the town gathering information on some of the boarding houses where many of you "old-timers" used to take your meals. As a result, several nice features were turned in and Harvey A. Wilkes, student from Opelika, made the accompanying sketches.

MRS. LANE'S HOUSE

NINETEEN years ago Mrs. Lane began to serve meals to the hungry boys of Auburn. At that time the beloved Dr. Thach was president; H. P. Dixie was commandant. There was no regular military department; the boys were directly responsible to him.

One of the upperclassmen was appointed to each house as inspector and he was very hard on "rats". Mrs. Lane's dining table was used at times not only to hold food but to hide timid "rats" who were wanted by upperclassmen.

One night two upperclassmen came in to warm by Mrs. Lane's fire and to discuss ways and means of finding two truant freshmen who had been rather "slimy" that day. After the upperclassmen had looked around and departed, two scared freshmen slipped from the closet and made a break for home.

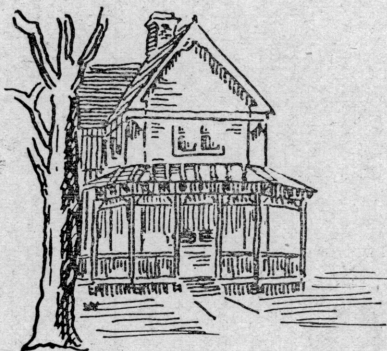
Everyone who has eaten there will remember not only her good food, but will also recall that she was a friend both to the upperclassmen and to the "rats".

MRS. BROWN'S HOUSE

MRS. W. F. BROWN has been proprietress of the conveniently located Brown Boarding House for eleven years. The first year only sixteen students took meals there, but now forty-six students enjoy her home cooking.

Mrs. Brown moved here to educate her son, Phillip, who is now teaching in the history department.

Some of the former students who had the pleasure of boarding with her are G. O. Segrest '20, now a physician in Mobile; T. O. Yancey '25, a civil engineer in Louisiana; G. B. Phillips, county agent of Lauderdale County; Marion Wolf '26, now connected with the engineering department of the Western Railroad of Alabama; Homa Ruffin '26, now connected with Hepsin Drug Company in Tal-



Mrs. Hardy's

lassee, Ala., and D. C. Nation '27, who is teaching at Spencer Business College in Birmingham.

Mrs. Brown takes special interest in the boys. She always advises them as she would a son, nurses them when they are ill, and comforts them when they are homesick.

MRS. HARDY'S PLACE

MRS. CORA B. HARDY established the Hardy Boarding House in 1916. At first she served only fifteen boarders, but today those eating at her table number 80.

She has served meals to many outstanding Auburn men: Sammie Broun '18, famous baseball star; Carmel Dowell, a football star; Percy Beard '29, now assistant track coach here; and Charlie Scott, coach at Darlington School, Rome, Ga.

Several students in the school of Architecture have also enjoyed her hospitality and delicious meals, and have gone from Auburn into successful careers: Sam Welborn, now in

New Orleans; Chester Wynn, with Warren, Knight, and Davis—Architects, at Birmingham; Roy House '17, who came to Auburn before the World War and rose to the position of Captain in the army—all were Mrs. Hardy's boys.

Prof. Chas. B. Audway, now a member of the Auburn textile faculty, boarded with Mrs. Hardy. Paul Simmons of Ozark, who has attained prominence in the field of electrical engineering, and Haffard Todd, now located with Moore and Handley Hardware Company, Birmingham, were also boarders at the Hardy House.

OLD RUTLAGE HOME

THE OLD RUTLAGE HOME at 214 West Magnolia Avenue, as a boarding house in the past, was the scene of many interesting incidents. It is now occupied by the Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity and is owned by Mrs. Carrie P. Rutlage of Atlanta, Ga.

Prior to the fall of 1927, Mrs. Rutlage resided in Auburn and used the place as a boarding house. Students who boarded with Mrs. Rutlage considered themselves very lucky to have chosen such an ideal location in which to live. It is said that the meals prepared by Mrs. Rutlage were among the best to be found in Auburn.

Until a few years ago, a large wooden fence encircled the place. Now, however, the fence has been torn down and the neighboring lot cleared off.

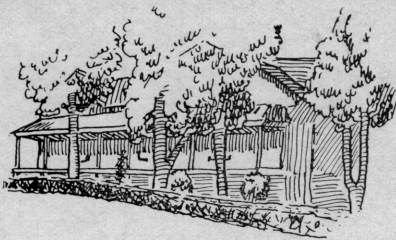
MRS. TERRELL'S

JUST across from the railroad station, Mrs. L. H. Terrell still serves meals to "her boys", just as she began doing 20 years ago. During this time hundreds of Auburn boys have eaten at Mrs. Terrell's bountiful table.

In August 1901, Mrs. Terrell moved to Auburn from Cullman, Ala., with three small children. She immediately opened a boarding house and had at her table the first year



Mrs. Brown's



Mrs. Terrell's

fifteen college boys. Since then she has had as many as sixty student boarders at one time; but such a number was more than she could easily manage. This year she serves 43 students.

In an interview with Mrs. Terrell, she said that "her boys" have been fine—that boys, as a rule, are good. In her experience in running a boarding house for students, Mrs. Terrell has fed hundreds. Among them were college boys who are now prominent lawyers, doctors, merchants, engineers, and soldiers. Mrs. Terrell still calls them all by their first names.

Some of "her boys" are "Jake" Walker, John Denson, Kennon Perry, Robinson Allen, Louie Botsia, Stanton Hertz, "Aleck" Hicks, and "Billy" Spratling. Many students who graduated with honors, ate at Mrs. Terrell's for a part or the whole of their college careers. John J. O'Rourke, who graduated last year with honor, for instance.

When Auburn's wonder football team was taking the South by storm, Mrs. Terrell was running her boarding house as she is today. During this period of football glory, two gridiron heroes, Cogdell and Kirk Newell were among those taking meals at Mrs. Terrell's.

Mrs. Terrell is glad that she has been able to keep the same cook during all these 20 years. The same negro man to do work about the lawn has been employed for 23 years.

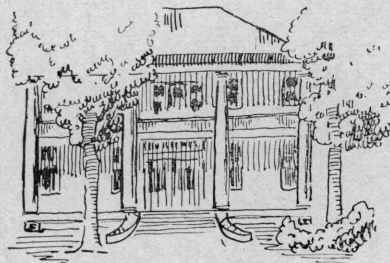
Because "her troubles operated into the flus", Mattie Drake, the cook at Mrs. Terrell's is still convalescing from a bad fall she had last fall. Mattie was hurt falling down the back steps when she attempted to "tote more'n she could hold" of kindling for her kitchen fire. Although suffering terrible "misery in her hip" since the eleventh of October, the day of her misfortune, Mattie still keeps up a cheerful front and talks of returning to Mrs. Terrell's, whom she speaks of as "Little Miss". She had planned, she stated, to return several weeks ago, but her "misery" was so great that she was afraid she would "relapse herself".

Mattie is a frail, greyhaired mulatto of the better class of negro, and has been working for "white folks"

all her life. She moved to Auburn 24 years ago from Ft. Deposit, Ala., where she lived on a plantation. Mattie "calculates" her age by the fact that she was born five years after "surrender", and her son's age by the fact that he and "Little Miss's son are the same year's child." Mattie's son sends her money every month from Chicago where he has been doing railroad work for 11 years.

Mattie has been living alone in a house across the hill from north Gay Street since last April, a year ago, when her husband died. Since she became ill she has been staying with her sister on north Gay where she is the center of attention and recipient of profuse gifts from the surrounding colored neighborhood.

While being interviewed, Mattie sits wrapped in a cozy bathrobe, rocking contentedly before a cheerful log fire while she tells her story and as-



McElhaney House

serts that her "white folks has sho been good to her" while she had the "misery in her hip" and she "sho was going back to her Little Miss if the Good Lord would 'low her a few more years on dis earth."

THE OLD McELHANEY HOUSE

OF ALL the boarding houses and eating places in Auburn, the oldest and perhaps the best known is what is now called the Brewer Hotel. This hotel has been a landmark for over 75 years and the oldest Auburn alumni can remember the days when it was the favorite "hang-out" of students and faculty as well as all the travelers who passed through Auburn.

Brewer Hotel, better known as the McElhaney House, has a novel history and has passed through many hands. It was built of original long leaf pine long before the civil war. Repairs have been made and the business of the hotel still flourishes as it did so many years ago.

Only the oldest residents of Auburn can recall that in 1845 the Brewer hotel was a private home facing north, toward the hill road where the old coach line used to run. In 1850, Dr. McElhaney bought this home and built the front part of it, the two

front rooms, and the white columns which are such perfect examples of Colonial architecture. The town had grown then and the building was faced to the main part of town—now College Avenue. At this time it became a hotel and was called The McElhaney House.

A number of years later Dr. McElhaney died. His property was inherited by his widow who married her first husband's brother, the second Dr. McElhaney. However, when the second Dr. McElhaney, who died in 1903, married the widow, his daughter, Hortense, inherited the property. She married Thomas Jones in 1890. Hortense Jones and her husband resided at the hotel although she had rented the place to a Mrs. Lett.

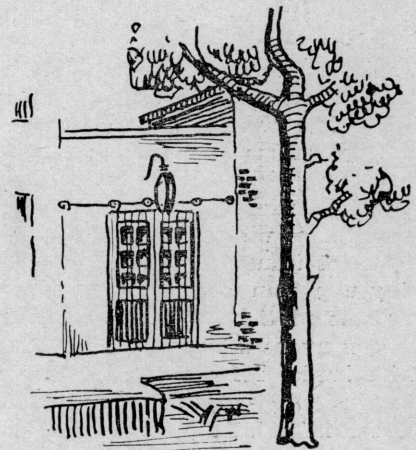
Clifton Jones, the son of Thomas Jones, inherited Jones Hotel in 1913 when his stepmother, Hortense McElhaney, died. Clifton Jones has rented the place to the Brewers for the past three and a half years, and it is now known as Brewer's Hotel. But to many alumni it is still "The McElhaney House".

UNCLE BILLY'S

THE SAVOUR of olden days is still retained in modern time of toast-ed sandwiches and hot chocolate in the famous little Pair-A-Dice Inn presided over by the genial "Uncle" Billy Askew. There the hamburger and coffee of the elder day is yet the order.

The tiny inn is located two doors south of the old Burton Book Store. "Uncle" Billie Dowdell was long the proprietor before Mr. Askew, so the place has been known as "Uncle" Billie's for many years.

Hamburgers, milk, or hot coffee continue to be set steaming over the compact little counter to hungry stragglers on the way to their rooms. "Uncle" Billie—Pair-A-Dice Inn—they have long been; they will long be.



Uncle Billy's



PREXY'S PAGE

BRADFORD KNAPP, President



The New Year

NINETEEN THIRTY-ONE is here. Permit me as President of your Alma Mater to extend to every alumnus and former student of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute our very best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. The world may be in difficulty, business may be depressed, but these things ought to be only a challenge to those who absorbed the "spirit of Auburn" here under the oaks of this old campus.

The Brighter Side

SO MUCH is being said about the depression, unemployment, and the problems of our Nation, both domestic and foreign, that I am wondering if there isn't a brighter side to the whole picture. Possibly it is a good thing for this Nation to find out that there can be such a thing as want and hardship and difficulty. Our farming people have borne such things for some time. Industrial and city people are just beginning to find them out.

A distinguished industrial man in speaking of boys of this and similar institutions in the South declared that there was a distinct advantage in the fact that our boys come from humbler homes and have seen more hardship. He said, "Being reared in humbler circumstances, they have not been softened or spoiled by luxury. It seems to me they think less of self and more of accomplishment. Work to them is no hardship; on the contrary it is a thing to which they are accustomed."

This has been exemplified in the first semester of the present year. I think I am safe in saying that no group of students in this institution in a long time has devoted itself so religiously to good, steady, hard work as the student body this past fall. The whole atmosphere of shortage of money, failure in business, cramped conditions on the part of the home folks, bank failures, and other things which have had a very important influence upon the minds of young men and young women, has sobered the student body and made everyone willing to do more and strive harder for a real education.

Southern Boys

OUR GOOD FRIEND "Ole Timer" in the Atlanta Journal the other day had a very interesting little ar-

ticle on "Winning in the Game of Life." He quotes Mr. G. Edwin Michael of the Virginia Bridge and Iron Company regarding the qualities of young men from the South whom his company is employing in engineering work. He quotes Mr. Michael as making the following statement which ought to be gratifying to all Auburn men: "A striking thing about our Company," said Mr. Michael, "is the work being done by our young employees who have come from southern polytechnic schools, especially from Auburn, Georgia Tech, and V. P. I. They have certain characteristics that set them somewhat apart from the men who come from other sections and from schools which may be even more famous.

"The salient characteristics of them as a class are their ingenuity, their initiative and their self-reliance.

"Our southern boys stand out, although we permit no sectional bias in our dealings or in our judgments. But in checking results against our personnel records we find so steadily that our best technicians are boys from Alabama Polytechnic, Georgia Tech, and Virginia Tech that we have come to accept it as an established fact."

Morals and Religion

I PICKED up the other day the program of a National Conference of Students and Faculty. I find such subjects for discussion as this, "What about the Ten Commandments, and the teachings of Jesus? How can they possibly fit into such a new and complicated world as ours?" And another question reads like this, "Morals are purely a matter of taste; there is no rational basis of choice between moral standards, and no sense in trying to judge or to regulate other people's conduct."

A lot of others are equally as challenging as these. I sometimes wonder if we don't meet in too many meetings and make too many speeches. Is this the fault of college people and of educated people? Do we talk too much and do too little? We are beginning to reach the point where we can scarcely judge a man by what he says especially when actions belie his words. Apparently the world is in a period of exceedingly twisted and disturbed thinking. It is inconceiv-

able to me that we shall make any progress either in education or civilization, or any progress toward that great goal of the human aspirations, happiness, except through self-control and high ideals of moral conduct and spiritual relationship. I have yet to see any improvement in the world by throwing away morals and religion.

Important Year

THIS YEAR, 1931, is an important year for Auburn, important because during this year will be fixed the standard of its growth and service for a four-year period. Auburn wants nothing except that which is right and proper for it to have. It seeks nothing except the opportunity to render the largest possible service to the people of the State. It has no jealousy of other institutions but takes a sincere and honest pride in its own work. It recognizes that those who work earnestly on difficult problems may bring criticism upon their heads. The main thing is to work earnestly and conscientiously toward the right thing. We shall be hopeful that the State as a whole will have a mind to recognize the value of the things we are doing and give us a chance to help work out the destiny of the people.

What the Legislature will do will be governed by a thousand and one things, but Auburn alumni and friends ought not only wish and work for the very best possible for Auburn but to wish also that that best possible ought to be in harmony with the best interests of the State. I think we ought to be willing to fit our program into a State program and measure it by the ability and needs of the State to go forward. Even in periods of great distress I think the most wholesome thing a State can do is to keep a forward looking attitude. One of the most forward looking things a State can do is to provide for its education and to strengthen the hands of those who are bringing new facts into existence in scientific research.

Alabama Economic Review

I WANT to call the attention of the Alumni Association to a little bulletin known as the Alabama Economic Review which is the product of the Bureau of Economic Research (Continued on page 12)

C. L. "Cliff" Hare Elected President of Southern Conference for 1931



PROF. C. L. "CLIFF" HARE '91

THE Southern Conference closed its annual convention in Chapel Hill, N. C., December 13, by electing Prof. C. L. Hare, Auburn faculty chairman of athletics, as president to succeed N. W. Daugherty, of University of Tennessee, who led the group during the past year. Tulane was awarded the 1931 meeting of the conference.

C. P. Miles, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, was elected vice-president and Dr. William de Hart Funhauser, University of Kentucky, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

A. W. Hobbs, University of North Carolina, and Dr. James J. Doster, University of Alabama, were elected to the executive committee for new terms.

In an Associated Press dispatch appearing the following day, we find the following tribute to Prof. Hare — the spirit of which is heartily concurred in by every Auburn man. Though unsigned, the story bears the "ear marks" of similar capable dispatches written by Ed Ball '27, now with AP in Montgomery.

The article appeared under the following head: "New S. C. Leader Auburn Favorite—'Cliff' Hare long and Ardent Rooter and Keen Student of Game".

"The new Southern Conference President, Prof. C. L. Hare, of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, is an in-

veterate football fan and a 'good fellow'.

"Since the Nineties, when football made its debut at Auburn, 'Cliff', as he is affectionately known on the campus, has been an ardent Auburn rooter and a keen student of the game.

"In his own undergraduate days on the campus here in the eighties, there was no intercollegiate football, but as long as 20 years ago his interest in intercollegiate athletics caused him to be placed on the faculty committee on athletics.

"After 10 years' service on the committee, he was elevated to the chairmanship, a position he now holds.

"Kindly and understanding of youth, Dr. Hare, throughout his 40 years as a member of the faculty in the chemistry department, which he now heads, has been popular on the campus.

"Always with the best interests of athletic competition at heart, he has worked with students and faculty to promote keen, hard competition.

"Cliff's" Pipe

"His pipe is a tradition on the campus. He and his pipe are on the sideline whenever an Auburn eleven goes into action. Through fair weather and foul he sticks by the team and in the darkest days of Auburn's competition, he has looked ahead to see a rosy future.

"Despite his keenness for the game, he rarely betrays emotion, but he never misses a play.

"Before the death of Dr. B. B. Ross, head of the chemistry department here last Spring, the two were inseparable at football games. Students of yesteryear recall with Dr. Ross a bicycle he rode to games and the pipe that is Dr. Hare's constant companion.

"Dr. Hare numbers among his cronies H. G. Stegeman, athletic director at the University of Georgia, and Mike Donahue, under whose coaching Auburn reigned supreme in the South.

"And his friends are scattered across the continent, as it is said of him that every Auburn alumnus is his friend, and he is theirs.

"In addition to being head of the chemistry department at Auburn, Dr. Hare is state chemist."

Zipp Newman, in his Birmingham News "Dusting 'Em Off" column, added his word of commendation:

"Congratulations are in order for Prof. C. L. Hare of Auburn. The Southern Conference has elected the "grand old man" of Auburn athletics as president of the S. C. J. J. Doster, of the University of Alabama, was named a member of the executive committee.

"May the state of Alabama's contribution to the governing body of the Southern Conference command respect by seeing that by-laws and rules are observed or inflict proper penalties."

Prof. Hare received his M.S. at Auburn in 1892, becoming Assistant State Chemist at that time. In the fall of '93, he returned to Auburn as assistant in chemistry, after a year of teaching at the University of Missouri.

In 1895 Prof. Hare was given the position of instructor, becoming assistant professor in 1900. In 1902-'03 he did graduate work at the University of Michigan, receiving the Master's Degree at that time. His advanced degrees have been given at the University of Chicago, for work done there in various summer sessions. He was made full Professor of Chemistry at Auburn in 1910, and is at present acting dean of that school.

Prof. Hare has published several contributions to the field of chemistry, notably in the Journals of the American Society of Chemistry and the Journal of Industrial Engineering and Chemistry.

During his undergraduate years Prof. Hare was made a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity at Auburn, Phi Kappa Phi, and later the honorary chemists' fraternity, Gamma Sigma Epsilon. He is a member of the Methodist Church, a Mason, and a Rotarian.

During his college days Prof. Hare was substitute quarterback on the Auburn football team which defeated the University of Georgia 10 to 0 in February, 1892, at Atlanta. Prof. Hare also holds the distinction, together with the former Dr. Charles H. Ross, of having laid out the first golf course at Auburn in 1898 down in O'Hara's bottom.

READ THIS, ALUMNI—

There are two ways in which you may help us immensely to make your magazine always more interesting:

1. Keep us informed of your present address at all times.
2. Send us ANY information you may be able to get which you think will be of interest to alumni, either of a general or personal nature.

THANK YOU.



ATHLETICS

By ELMER G. SALTER
Sports Editor, A. P. I.



Grid Season Ends with Conference Victory

CLOSING the best year an Auburn eleven has enjoyed on the gridiron since 1926, the 1930 football season was considered a success.

It is true that only three games were won and seven lost, but one of the trio put on the win side of the ledger was the Thanksgiving Day game with the University of South Carolina, Auburn's initial conference victory in over four years.

Winning football teams are not moulded together in one year, especially when a team has been losing consistently, but the work done by Coaches Chet Wynne, Earl McFaden, and Roger J. Kiley drew favorable comment from all sources and it looks as though their untiring efforts will net more wins during the 1931 season.

Lack of capable reserve strength probably prevented the Plainsmen making a better showing their initial year with the intricate Notre Dame

system. The team also suffered the lack of a long Spring training—a handicap not experienced by opposing teams. Only Tulane, Vanderbilt and South Carolina led Wynne's proteges at the end of the first half in any game though the Tigers were outdistanced in the final periods. Birmingham-Southern, Spring Hill, Florida, Georgia Tech, Georgia, Wofford, and Mississippi A. & M. are the teams the Bengals were ahead of or on even terms with at the intermission. They led at the halfway mark against all except Birmingham-Southern, Florida, and Georgia.

Injuries and loss of players through other channels hurt the Tigers in their efforts to make better showings than they did, but what was pleasing to the fans was that they fought for the full sixty minutes, never giving up even with unheard of odds staring them in the face.

Capt. Dunham Harkins, center;
Alternate-Captain Erquiet Taylor,

tackle, and Joe Burt and Billie Hill, guards, are the only members of this year's team to receive letters who are not expected to answer the call of the gridiron next year. All played good football during the past season and will be sorely missed in 1931, but they have played their allotted four years of college football.

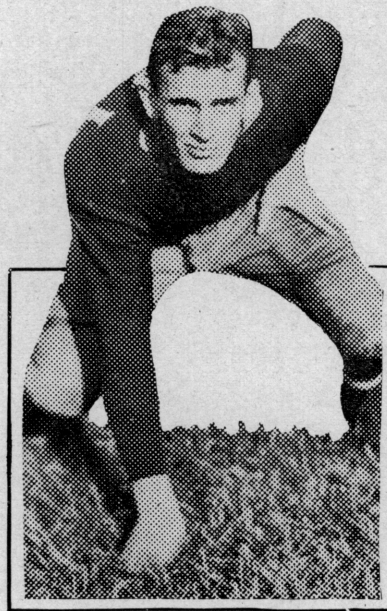
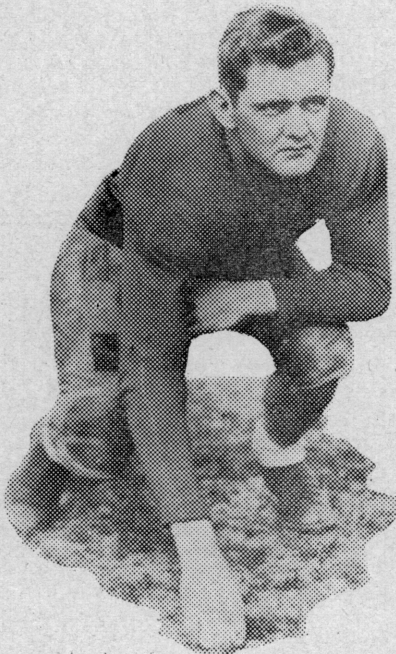
Co-captains-elect James Bush and Chattie Davidson, guard and quarterback; Ralph Jordan, center; George Egge, end, and Lindley Hatfield, and Frock Pate, halfbacks are the 1930 lettermen expected to return.

The sophomores this year, who played leading roles in giving the Loveliest Village the best team since 1926, and who are expected to improve next season are: Lee Johnson, center; Donald Jones, Commodore Wood and Ernest Molphus, guards; Robert Arthur, Hannis Prim and Herbert Miller, tackles; Porter Grant, Cary Senn and Sam Mason, ends; Ike Parker, quarterback; Jimmie Hitchcock and Kenneth Phipps, halfbacks, and Tom Brown and Tom Shackelford, fullbacks.

Little will be known concerning the graduates from the freshman team until after Spring training, but the plebes expected to wage strong fights for varsity berths next year are: W. D. Chrietzberg, Fred Burge, Edward Nobinger and Walter Weaver, centers; Scott Ballard, Henry Chambliss, Harry Crossland, Lewis Jacobs, Ferroll Searcy and Leslie Woodall, guards; Ralph Burleson, Ralph Garis, Mark Holmes and Frederick McCollum, tackles; David Ariail, Delburt Blunt, James Daniels, John Huggins, Howard Randolph and Herschel West, ends; Chadwick Baker, Thos. Head and George Williams, quarterbacks; Robert Adams, James Kimbrell, Ralph Neal, Allen Rogers and Willis Edgar Phipps, halfbacks, and James Bumpers, Sterling Dupree, Cicero Nelson, Ellis Royal and Marion Talley, fullbacks.

While prospects for a winning team are not as bright as they are at some other schools it is believed that Auburn's 1931 eleven will be feared by each of the ten opponents on the schedule.

CO-CAPTAINS OF 1931 FOOTBALL TEAM



J. D. BUSH

For the first time in Auburn's history, the Tiger football team will have co-captains. At a meeting of the 1930 football lettermen, Chattie Davidson (left), quarterback, of Montgomery, and James D. Bush, guard, of Mobile, received an equal number of votes for the captaincy, so it was decided to have co-leaders in 1931.

COACH WYNNE IS MARRIED

A WEDDING of interest to Auburn alumni was solemnized in Omaha, Neb., Dec. 27, when Chet Wynne, head coach and athletic director, married Miss Grace Dolores O'Brien, one of Omaha's most charming girls and daughter of a prominent Omaha auto dealer.

Mrs. Wynne was one of the most popular members of the Omaha younger set. She is a graduate of Duchesne College at Manhattanville, N. Y. Mrs. Wynne was a member of the Junior League as a professional member, having served as secretary to the Nebraska election commission, William D. McNugh, Jr., for the past two years.

Coach Wynne and his bride will return to the Cornerstone January 10, after a short honeymoon in the West.

BASKET BALL CAPTAIN



**RALPH JORDAN
FORWARD**

The basketball player pictured above is Ralph (Lefty) Jordan, captain of Auburn's basketball team. This is Jordan's second year on the team, being high point scorer for the Conference until the final few weeks of last year's season. Ralph also plays football and baseball. He was signally honored last year by being elected basketball captain while a Sophomore.

BASKET BALL SCHEDULE
INCLUDES TWELVE GAMES

TWELVE GAMES with Southern Conference teams and three against non-conference opposition will be played by the Auburn Tigers during the 1931 season, according to the schedule released by Coach Sam McAllister. Three practice tilts have already been played, giving the Tigers an 18-game schedule for the season.

The season for the Plainsmen will officially open, Tuesday, Jan. 6, at Auburn, with the South Carolina Gamecocks. Clemson will also be played the same week here Jan. 10.

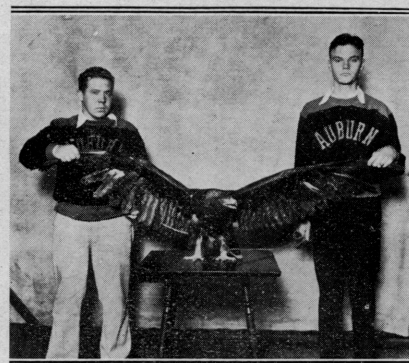
North Carolina State, Georgia, Tulane, Georgia Tech, Vandy and Fort Benning are the other teams that will be played before the regular season is brought to a close against Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Feb. 24.

The complete schedule follows:

- Jan. 3—Tallassee All-Stars at Auburn.
- Jan. 6—South Carolina at Auburn.
- Jan. 10—Clemson at Auburn.
- Jan. 12—North Carolina State at Auburn.
- Jan. 23—University of Georgia at Athens.
- Jan. 24—South Carolina at Columbia.
- Jan. 26—Clemson at Clemson.
- Jan. 28—Georgia Tech at Auburn.
- Jan. 31—Vandy at Nashville.
- Feb. 6—Tulane at Auburn.
- Feb. 7—Tulane at Auburn.
- Feb. 10—Fort Benning at Fort Benning.
- Feb. 14—Vandy at Auburn.
- Feb. 18—Fort Benning at Auburn.
- Feb. 24—Georgia Tech at Atlanta.
- Feb. 27 and 28, March 2 and 3—S. C. Tournament at Atlanta.

1931 GRID SCHEDULE

- Sept. 25—Birmingham-Southern at Montgomery (Night game).
- Oct. 2—Howard at Birmingham (Night game).
- Oct. 10—Wisconsin at Madison.
- Oct. 17—Georgia Tech at Atlanta.
- Oct. 24—Florida at Jacksonville.
- Oct. 31—Spring Hill at Auburn.
- Nov. 7—Tulane at Montgomery.
- Nov. 14—Sewanee at Birmingham.
- Nov. 21—Georgia at Columbus.
- Nov. 26—South Carolina at Columbia (Thanksgiving).

EAGLE PROVES GOOD OMEN
FOR TEAM WINS S. C. TILT

AUBURN'S REGAL MASCOT

"War", the live golden eagle, is seen with his attendants, DeWitt Stier (left) and Harry Davis, Auburn cheer leaders.

WHEN J. A. BAIN, salesman of the Chevrolet automobile agency, said to Rev. Sam B. Hay, of the Presbyterian church, "Preacher, let's raise the money and buy him", he had very little idea that the remark would have any far-reaching significance. It did. "Him" is "War Eagle", official (now) mascot of the Tigers. And the Tigers broke the very thick ice by beating South Carolina, 25-7, their first conference win since 1926—and War Eagle was there for his first time.

War Eagle cost \$10. He came from Bee Hive where he found a tangle of pea-vines too much even for his strength. J. A. Bain; Rev. S. B. Hay; J. D. Bush; Bob Smith; Moore's Market; Dillon's, Toomer's, Homer Wright's, and the Tiger Drug Stores; Auburn Cafe; Sergeant Moxham; the Tiger Sandwich Shop; and the Varsity and College Barber shops—all these contributed toward the purchase of War Eagle. Mr. Bain and Rev. Hay elected themselves collectors and Mr. Bain furnished the truck to haul the bird to the South Carolina game at Columbus.

On Saturday night, Dec. 6, the Auburn "A" club staged a dance. They wanted some money to make "War" feel at home and they intend to build him some kind of a private aviary here on the campus. He is now the Tiger permanent mascot—until death.

TWO FOOTBALL CAPTAINS
FROM HARKINS FAMILY

Dunham Harkins, captain of Auburn's 1930 football team, is following in the footsteps of his illustrious brother, Mitchell "Red" Harkins, who led the Tigers in 1925 from a tackle berth. Dunham performed at center, where he was rated as one of the best in Dixie.

Have You Read These Books?

SEVERAL new books have been suggested for the list of supplementary reading this month—and the list is growing. As a result of the increased interest in this cultural project being tried here, the library is receiving new books at the rate of about 20 per month. The reading list for freshmen and sophomores includes many that are included here, but several which are too technical or which contain ideas of a too-advanced nature are likewise given in the hope that reading alumni will profit by the suggested titles.

BIOGRAPHY—

Disraeli—Andre Maurois
Queen Victoria—Lytton Strachey
Upstream—Ludwig Lewisohn
William Morris—Alfred Noyes
Franklin, the Apostle of Modern Times—Fay

ECONOMICS—

Physics and Politics—Walter Bagehot
Shooting Niagara—Thomas Carlyle
Distribution of Wealth—Clark
Caleb Williams—William Godwin
News from Nowhere—William Morris

ENGINEERING—

This Ugly Civilization—Borsodi
Industrial Explorers—Holland
From Immigrant to Inventor—Michael Pupin

HISTORY—

The Adams Family—Henry Adams
The Turn of the Century—Mark Sullivan
Earl of Beaconsfield—Froude

LITERARY CRITICISM—

Literary Studies—Walter Bagehot
Bare Souls—Camaliel Bradford
Twelve Types—G. K. Chesterton
The Romantic Nineties—Richard Le Gallienne
Idea of Good and Evil—W. B. Yeats

ORIENTATION—

Education and the Good Life—Bertrand Russell
Public Opinion—Walter Lippman
History of Sculpture—Marquard and Frothingham
House of God—Short
Men Like Gods—H. G. Wells

PHILOSOPHY—

Education Moves Ahead—Smith
The Students Speak Out—A Symposium
The Mystery of Mind—Troland

Sanderson of Oundle—H. G. Wells
Middletown—Lynd

SCIENCE—

The A. B. C. of Atoms—Bertrand Russell
Science Remaking the World—Slosson and Caldwell
Matter and Energy—Frederick Soddy
The New Heavens—Hale
The Universe Around Us—Jeans

SOCIAL CRITICISM—

God Without Thunder—J. C. Ransom
Testament of Beauty—Robert Bridges
Heredity and Environment—Conklin
The Mauve Decade—Thomas Beer
The New Spirit—Havelock Ellis

"COLLEGE TOPICS"

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ring up "mutual interest between the young ladies of the town and the students of the college"! The editor suggested that the "young ladies should walk the streets more and not shut themselves up where the boys have no chance of seeing them without calling". Further, he believes the girls have lost the art of "winking" and exhorts them to "try your hand, or rather eye, the next time you pass" a boy.

The Athletic Association came in for a column—but it, too, is an exhortation to "take hold of the cause and push it across"—the cause this time being the taking part in "athletic exercises". Curiously enough, the next article is about a new scholarship system, entitled "Another 'New Tooth'", and tells of the creation of nine \$250 funds for post-graduates.

A "Challenge Debate" on the question "Resolved that Suffrage Be Restricted to an Educational Basis", was debated in the paper, the affirmative being presented by C. L. Hare—and the negative by J. T. Heflin! And the latter debate is an oration with the florid finale: "There, in letters of living light, is written the doom of monarchies and oligarchies, and the day is not far distant when the invested sovereign power of the people shall be recognized, and their rights to self-government admitted by all the nations of the earth"

A short essay on a man's choice of "Muses" or hobbies, called "Amusing" is submitted by L. P. Heyman, and this is followed by two essay-ar-

ticles on "The Behring Sea Dispute" and "Unhealthy Auburn", the latter dealing in a semi-humorous way with the laziness prevalent among the cadets of the new classes.

Walter M. Riggs then sums up the glories of the passing class of '91, in a burst of prose which rivals the poets and quotes from many of them. A short diatribe on the dullness of literary society meetings as experienced by an unnamed cadet has a very modern ring.

L. P. Heyman seems to have been the class poet for two of his effusions occur in this one issue: the first is "Our College Alphabet", listing in couplets his classmates and their virtues; and the second but less serious effort, "A Winter's Idyl," berates the poor "rat". A department called "Letter Box" takes liberties in jest with the names of more or less prominent campus celebrities and places them in situations in which they very likely would never be found, in order to embarrass the owners of the initials signed to the imaginary letters.

Scattered throughout the issue are various digs at campus notables, and brief announcements of publications of professors which have appeared. Three pages of "Personals" conclude the first issue, these personals being, in most instances, intimate jokes concerning students and faculty, not very "newsy".

Names culled at random from the pages of the **Topics** may well conclude this brief resume. Miss Willie Glenn appears there, now wife of B. H. Crenshaw, head of the Auburn department of mathematics. Miss Lotie Lane is now Mrs. Matthew S. Sloan. Mr. Sloan '01 is now a power and light magnate in New York. Mr. Sloan was the recipient of an honorary degree bestowed upon him by A. P. I. last year; Mrs. Sloan was recently a visitor here on the campus renewing old friendships. Miss Allie Glenn, who has for the past thirty-four years been treasurer at Auburn, is also mentioned.

Editor's Note: Next month will appear a similar review of the second literary venture—"The College Index".

PREXY'S PAGE

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and the Department of Agricultural Economics of this institution. It is a monthly publication in which we are endeavoring to put before the people of the State the agricultural and business situations as they are correlated, because in the larger part of Alabama prosperity depends materially upon agriculture.

Dr. Charles Allen Brown '92 Elected to The Presidency of Southern Colleges Association

A DISTINCT honor came to Dr. Charles A. Brown '92 when he was elected president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at its annual meeting in Atlanta which ended December 5.

As this session of the association was characterized by the Atlanta papers as being one of the "most tempestuous conventions in the 35 years of its existence", doubtless many knotty problems are left with Dr. Brown and his associates to be solved during the coming year. The association took a drastic step in suspending the membership of several Mississippi institutions of higher learning beginning September 1, 1931, because of "wholesale" removal of professors during the present administration of Gov. Theo. G. Bilbo.

Since 1921 Dr. Brown has been associate superintendent of the Birmingham Public Schools.

In connection with his educational work Mr. Brown has held the following offices: President Association of Alabama High Schools 1910 and 1928-29; member of the Alabama Educational Association since 1895 and president of this association in 1917; member of the National Education Association since 1897 and was presented with life membership in this Association by high school teachers in 1929; member State Board for Vocational Education, 1918-19; president, Alabama Society for Mental Hygiene, 1918-19; member of the Board of Trustees of Howard College since 1928; and school member of Commission on Institution of Higher Learning of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States since 1921.

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distant from the gas fields, will continue. There is a pipe line under construction from the Panhandle of Texas to supply natural gas to the city of Chicago, which is nearly 1,000 miles away.

"Another major reason for expansion is on the financial side. For many years bankers were afraid to invest too much money in natural gas because of the fear the wells might suddenly become exhausted in the manner in which oil wells occasionally give out. Now, however, engineering and geological experts have found ways to determine rather accurately the length of life of a given gas field.

"Also, by inter-connecting large gas systems through pipe lines it is possible to "pool" resources and thus assure continuance of service even if one gas area should fail. There is under way at the present time a development of this kind; plans are being formulated to connect the gas fields of the Texas Panhandle with those of Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, thereby giving a natural gas system from Western Texas to the cities of Washington, Philadelphia, and possibly New York City.

Aid to Industrial South

THE principal facts in which we are interested are that our corporation has accomplished that which it set out to do and that a broad belt through the heart of the Industrial South, rich in natural resources, will now have the added advantage of the most modern of natural fuels for the conversion of basic metals and raw materials into highly finished products.

"The history of all commercial progress, from the remote past until today, is the history of the conversion of raw materials into highly finished products, and we believe that our enterprise will be a factor of great aid to industrial efficiency in the area which we reach. It is expected that natural gas will be made available to many communities now without gas service of any kind, thereby providing this convenient fuel to many homes which, for economical reasons, could never have manufactured gas. It has been our purpose, and will continue to be our purpose, to direct and control the application of natural gas so that it will prove to be a complement to, and not a substitute for, other products upon which Alabama depends and which depend upon Alabama. The City of Pittsburgh recently undertook an extensive advertising campaign to further promote its in-

dustries. Pittsburgh is located in one of the greatest coal producing states in the Union. One of the full page advertisements appearing in the Pittsburgh papers carried this significant statement: 'Natural gas has helped make Pittsburgh the greatest workshop in the world.'

"Natural gas is necessarily not an universal and unlimited commodity. We have made commitments for our supply as far in quantity and time as sound business principles required. We will, from time to time, undoubtedly, add to these requisitions, but the industries and homes of this territory which we serve can rest assured that in selecting our agencies of distribution we will, in our contracts, be fair and liberal and endeavor in every possible way to aid your problems.

Expends \$15,500,000 in State

"The corporation with which I am associated has spent, within the last 18 months, within the State of Alabama, \$15,500,000; more than \$3,500,000 has been for labor. More than \$12,000,000 has been spent for pipe. Unfortunately, our pipe requirements could not be manufactured in Alabama, but all of this money was spent with the affiliated companies of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company and the Republic Steel Corporation who have corporations in Alabama. Now large quantities of cast iron pipes, manufactured in Alabama, are being used by the local distributing utilities to serve natural gas to Alabama homes."

The work carried on by the company in its project has been full of interest. Some of the facts about it are here recorded: By laying 78 miles of 20-inch pipe from Selma to Auburn and Opelika in 26 days the Alabama Natural Gas Company made a new world record in construction work. This was revealed during the inauguration of gas service to Auburn and Opelika, the Auburn exercises being held late Wednesday.

These 78 miles are a portion of the 500 miles of main pipe lines which the company has laid in Alabama in a little more than a year. The entire job was done rapidly to supply the demand for gas service.

Seven towns and cities in Alabama are now being served direct by the Alabama Natural Gas Company. They are Auburn, Opelika, Tuskegee, Wetumpka, Leeds, Heflin and Reform. In addition six cities and towns are using the gas. They are Montgomery, Mobile, Selma, Tuscaloosa, Anniston and Gadsden.

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What Became of the Classmates?

1886

L. M. Capps is manager of The Milling Company at Blackfoot, Idaho.

1897

Warren H. McBryde, 1111 Financial Center Building, San Francisco, Calif., is on a world tour, having left October 1, to be gone about eight months.

Oliver John Semmes gives his address as 110 Strong Street, Pensacola, Fla. He is president of the Semmes Coal and Ice Company of that city.

1900

I. F. McDonnell's address is 1201 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

1903

Joseph Dorroh Walker gives his address as 810 N. O. Bank Building, New Orleans, La.

1904

George Dunlinson, Jr., manager of the fuel department for the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, gives his address as Bluefield, West Virginia.

1905

Friends of John V. Denson will be glad to know that he is rapidly convalescing from his illness and has returned to his home at Opelika.

Robert Platt Boyd has moved from 1030 Martin Bldg. to 805 Martin Bldg., Birmingham, Alabama.

1907

C. S. Ripley is sales manager of the Mueller Electric Co., in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Ralph Chester Williams gives his address as U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

Since graduation, Roy P. Mitchell, 3231 Algonquin Parkway, Toledo, Ohio, has been employed at several industrial plants in the north as mechanical draftsman and engineer. For the past nine years he has been in Toledo. Mr. Mitchell is planning to teach mechanical drafting in one of the Toledo high schools.

1908

The address of Prof. Carl Gilbert Gaum is University Extension Division, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

1909

John Taylor Postell gives his address as 2130 Lincoln Park W., Chicago, Ill. He is president of the Che-waukla Mineral Spring Company.

1910

John Charles Nickerson, who grad-

uated in civil engineering, is the Division Engineer for the L. & N. Railroad. His address is 1321 Main, Paris, Ky.

1911

Otis Gilmer Clements is manager of the Wicomico Hotel at Salisbury, Md. He has been in charge of this hotel since his graduation except for two years which he spent during the World War as a pilot in the Aviation Corps with the rank of first lieutenant.

Stanton Hertz is sales manager of the Copperweld Steel Co., Glassport, Pa.

1912

W. B. Nickerson is connected with the Brown & Bigelow Co., St. Paul, Minn., as sales manager.

Alsey C. Pratt is cashier of the Peoples Bank, Centerville, Ala.

1913

W. D. Barton gives his address as 508 Shepard Building, Montgomery, Ala. He is with the Synthetic Nitrogen Products Corporation.

Henry H. Heine is located at 172 Haynes Street S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

1914

Harry P. Dixie is with the Louisiana Rating and Fire Insurance Bureau at New Orleans, La.

Otto Brown has moved to Fairhope, Ala., where he is superintendent of the Gulf Coast Agriculture Sub-Station.

L. H. Lewis gives his address as 1304 Belvedere Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.

I. W. Miller's address is 1600 Brown-Marx Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

1916

R. Y. Bailey, assistant professor of agronomy at Auburn, was recently elected president of the Auburn Kiwanis Club, in which capacity he succeeds Dr. Roger W. Allen.

Each Wednesday at noon Mr. Bailey appears over Station WAPI under the name of Dick in the Dick and Dan combination who carry on a weekly discussion of current farm problems while seated at the dinner table. D. G. Sturkie takes the part of Dan.

Lt. E. W. Smith and family, of Baltimore, Md., recently visited his relatives, L. N. Duncan and family, and friends in Auburn. Lieutenant Smith is stationed with the Headquarters Corps at Baltimore. He is a graduate of the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

1918

Dr. R. O. Russell's address is 1727 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

1919

Fred H. Cutts is connected with the S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., 565 Fifth Avenue, New York, City.

1920

Robert Anderson Tuck gives his address as 300 State Road, Oneonta, Ala.

Vida Barker Williamson is living at Collierville, Tenn.

1923

A. D. Knapp gives his address as 215-25-3rd Road, Queens, Long Island, N. Y.

Charles Richard Saunders, 11th and Washington Streets, Wilmington, Delaware, is a Research Chemist for The Du Pont Company there. He obtained his Ph. D. degree from the University of Nebraska in 1930.

James Gordon Stephenson may be addressed at 1435 Elm Street, Wilkinsburg, Penn., and is an engineer for the Westinghouse Electric Company.

Friends of Henry Asbury will be glad to learn of the birth of his little daughter in October. He has named her Loretta Harrison for her mother. They live at 175 Ocean Street, Lynn, Mass.

David Borden Tidmore's business address is Brown-Marx Building, Birmingham, Ala.

George Byron Wilkes, Jr., gives his address as Cordele, Ga.

Johnson Heflin Staples is a practicing veterinarian at 234 College St., Cuthbert, Ga.

Thomas Robert Watson is living at Lincoln, Ala.

Alexander David Trum gives his address as 33 Winthrop Court, Montgomery, Ala.

Lemmie Lee Williams sends in his new address as University of Delaware, Newark, Dela. Mr. Williams is connected with the Entomological Station there.

1925

S. Dean Petersen is located at Roanoke College, Salem, Va.

Lawrence Emmett Bell is a construction engineer with the Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation, Richmond, Va.

Edwin Bruce Bird, graduate in agriculture, is making good use of the knowledge acquired at Auburn. He is growing pecans at Hawthorn, Ala.

The address of Tom Hendrix is 1111 Polk Street, Vicksburg, Miss.

M. F. Beavers' address is P. O. Box 1342, Pittsfield, Pa.

1925

Walter L. Randolph, formerly news editor at Auburn, began work December 1 as director of information of the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation. He succeeds L. O. Brackeen, '27 who resigned from the Farm Bureau to accept an appointment as manager of the radio and news service of the State Department of Agriculture and Industries.

T. E. Phillips, who is with Conville and Company of Birmingham, Ala., may be reached by addressing him at the Webb-Crawford Building. Mr. Phillips was a recent visitor on the campus. While in school he held several important offices, including class president and head of the student government organization in force at that time.

1927

Sam Lacy holds the position of credit manager with the New Williams Company, Birmingham, Ala.

1928

J. H. Rumbley, who is now teaching at Wadley, Ala., was a recent visitor to the alumni office.

Porter Newton, Auburn, has for the past two years been teaching salesman for J. R. Watkins Co.

1929

Frances Tremwell is teaching in Montgomery, Ala.

Carson Hackney Booth gives his address as Phenix City, Ala.

J. O. Armor writes that he is employed as agent in the United States Department of Agriculture and is located at Plant City, Fla.

Jim Middlebrooks, 412 N. 19th Street, Birmingham, Ala., is a radio engineer.

1930

Hoyt Sherard will make his home in Auburn for the next two years with the Alabama Experiment Station.

Earle R. Smith is football coach at Langdale, Ala., High School.

Lawrence Sheffield Fennell is an engineer with the Arkansas Natural Gas Corporation at Shreveport, La.

Jim Crawford, captain of Auburn's 1930 baseball team and one of the leading outfielders in the Southern Conference during his collegiate career, has been bought by the New Orleans Pelicans from Terre Haute, Ind.

A. Koplon, with Henry Weissinger,

From The Alumni Mail-Bag

From Dr. L. W. Payne, Jr., '92,

University of Texas, Austin

I am glad you sent me that November *Alumnus* as a final reminder that my dues were unpaid. I got a big kick out of that number. In the first place I enjoyed F. E. Bell's letter from Austin. The only thing I regretted about it was that he did not "run into" J. B. Rutland '10, who has been with the State Department of Education here as a Rural School Inspector for a number of years; and he failed to "run into" your humble servant, who has just entered his twenty-fifth year of residence in Austin as a member of the English faculty of the University of Texas.

The article that I enjoyed most in the November *Alumnus* was the interview with Dr. George Petrie and the picture of the first and the latest coaches of the football team—Dr. Petrie and Chet Wynne. Every word that Dr. Petrie uttered brought up memories of the old 1892-93 football season. I was a post-graduate that year, and in those days when faculty members and post-graduates could take part in the noble sport, I donned a suit and went out on the scrub team for practice. I remember one occasion when, in a broken field, the ball bounded into my arms, and I made a mad rush for the goal line and put over a touchdown against the Varsity. The swift "Dutch" Dorsey and Harry Smith were at my heels all the way down the field, but if I didn't have the weight, I had speed, and I made the touchdown. That is the lone triumph of my football career, and naturally I remember it with some pride.

The two faculty members on that team were the enormously bulky McKissick, professor of Electrical Engineering, and the lithe Charles H. Barnwell, adjunct professor of Modern Languages. I am surprised that Dr. Petrie calls him "John" Barnwell. He was always known as "Charlie" Barnwell on the campus. There were two other well-known "Charlies" on the campus in those days—"Charlie" Glenn and "Charlie" DeBardeleben, —all three of whom have risen to the more dignified "Charles" since they have attained eminence in their respective fields. I wish

Opelika, Ala., has opened a new Radio-Electric Shop in Opelika. They will do general radio service and electric repair work.

I could see all that old bunch together once more. Every name arouses happy memories of the old days at Auburn.

Henry DeBardeleben, Ed. Wilson, and J. L. Culver were classmates of mine, and maybe some others; but I rather think Frank Lupton was a year ahead of me and "Dutch" Dorsey and Harry Smith and Dick Going a year behind me. And of course Dr. Petrie and Dr. Barnwell and Prof. McKissick were my beloved instructors. I had the pleasure of spending a summer with Dean Barnwell at the University of Alabama in 1929, and I had the good fortune to meet a number of old Auburn men, including Supt. Charles Glenn, Supt. C. A. Brown, and Dr. Gross Harrison, the irrepressible, Tom Bragg of Birmingham, Pres. C. W. Dugette of Jacksonville, and a number of others.

Long live "old" Auburn and the "old" boys; and long live dear "old" Dr. Petrie and his lovely wife, who was once the prettiest of the campus belles, Miss Mary Lane.

From Walter S. Going, '04, Continental Gin Co., Birmingham, Ala.

It is certainly gratifying to note the marvelous showing that Coach Wynne is making with our team. Here's hoping that AUBURN and AUBURN'S team will continue to grow better and better.

From Otis G. Clements, '11, Wicomico Hotel, Salisbury, Md.

I have received several copies of the *Auburn Alumnus*, and have enjoyed each and every one of them. It is a pleasure to read about my classmates and acquaintances and to see what they are doing in this world of ours.

I want to congratulate you on this publication that you are getting out for the Alumni and to wish you continued success in same.

From Shirley W. Harris, '15, Birmingham, Ala.

I am greatly interested in the progress which Coach Chet Wynne is making with the Tigers and think that Auburn's showing against Florida and Georgia-Tech very wonderful indeed, considering the time the new coaching system has been in effect. I feel sure that about next year, when the result of the games

are hung in the brackets, Auburn will be on top.

From Sam Wingard, '16, Blacksburg, Va.

I get a big kick from reading the **Auburn Alumnus**. It brings a lot of news about the school and faculty. I am proud of Auburn and am delighted to see the old school prosper. I believe she is coming to the front, even in football.

From George D. Revington, '20, Monticello, Indiana.

I don't want the **Alumnus** to stop. It is about the only connection I have with the Sunny South.

After leaving Auburn's Electrical Department I took a job as chemist with the Harvester Company for five years. Then I became partner in two drug stores up in Indiana where I live now. I operate the store at Monticello.

Outside of one lady here who used to live at Montgomery, I can't find any southern friends. So keep the paper coming, sure. I am proud of the showing Auburn is making this year. They have begun to list her scores again in the papers up here.

From G. G. Lamar, '21, 210-13 Graham Building, Jacksonville, Fla.

"It is certainly good to see old Auburn picking up, and we were very proud of them when they played in Jacksonville recently.

From J. E. Wideberg, '21, Post Road and Grove Street, White Plains, N. Y.

Just a few lines to let you know that the **Alumnus** is coming along ok-eh and I enjoy it a great deal. I am also delighted to read the account of Auburn's great showing against Florida. We are all very much interested up here and certainly trust that Chet will pull us through.

From E. B. Jones, '28, Nashville, Tennessee.

I am planning on attending the Auburn-Vanderbilt game and to back the team more than ever.

My permanent address here in Nashville will be Swift & Co., 800-4th Ave., North.

From Mr. F. H. Landstreet, '29, Fort Payne, Alabama.

Let me assure you that Auburn always occupies a warm spot in my heart, and any service that I am able to render will always be given with a spirit of freedom and loyalty to Auburn.

I appreciate the copies of the **Alumnus** sent me. I view it as the voice from the school which claims always my best wishes and hearty cooperation.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

1921

Announcement has been received of the recent marriage of J. Eric Wideberg '21 to Miss Gertrude Cudihy. The couple was married Saturday, November 22, in Yonkers, N. Y.

1926

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Beal, Birmingham, announce the marriage of their daughter, Myra, to Hubert R. Bailey '26 of Auburn, on November 22, at the home of the bride's sister at Haleyville, Ala. Mr. Bailey holds the position of extension poultryman at Auburn.

1929

On November 15, Robert Clark Fuller '29 was married in Montgomery, Ala., to Miss Mittie Harrison of that city. The couple will be at home after their wedding trip in Dothan where Mr. Fuller is located in the employ of the Alabama Health Department.

Mr. Fuller took his professional degree in specialized medicine at Auburn. He is a member of Theta chapter of Alpha Psi and of other professional and honorary organizations.

Auburn friends of Joseph Ford, Jr., have received invitations to his wedding at Andalusia which took place on the 10th of December. The bride is Miss Mary Rosalind Prestwood of Andalusia where Mr. Ford has worked in a bank since his graduation.

During his senior year Joe was business manager of **The Glomerata**. He was a member of several student organizations and was widely known as an outstanding leader among students. He was very popular as a student; and since graduation he has risen rapidly in banking.

IN MEMORIAM

1887

John C. Carmichael, aged 65, prominent lawyer for many years in Alabama, died October 21, at his home in Birmingham, Ala. He was a native of Orrville, Ala., and for a time attended Auburn. During the World War Judge Carmichael served as counsel for the U. S. Shipping Board.

1930

Cletus Ernest Meyer, graduate in electrical engineering, died in Mobile, Ala., November 12. During his last year at Auburn, Mr. Meyer was business manager of the Auburn Band. His home address was 1805 Springhill Avenue.

LEADS MOBILE CLUB BALL



MISS ELAINE BROWN

Who led the grand march of the 1930 Christmas Ball of the Auburn Mobile Club, in Mobile, on December 26. Her escort was Thomas P. Brown, brother, senior in chemical engineering.

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Pipe lines, motors, and other equipment now in use in Auburn represent an expenditure of \$45,000, and an equal amount in Opelika. Pipes have been laid throughout the business section and residential sections of both towns.

The Auburn service, under the direction of Ed. Cotting, local manager, was inaugurated with 91 meters in operation. Other applications are being received. Residents of the town are using gas for cooking, for heating their homes, for hot water, for refrigeration, and for other purposes.

Gas lines have been laid throughout the residential and business sections of town. They are connected also with the Auburn campus.

MILLER REESE HUTCHINSON E. E. '13 ADDS ANOTHER INVENTION

One of the most important contributions to the automobile industry of recent years—a device to prevent carbon monoxide fumes in the operation of internal combustion engines—is the recent invention of Dr. M. R. Hutchinson, E. E. '13, Auburn's famous inventor.

Dr. Hutchinson claims the mechanism should save the nation's fuel bill a billion dollars a year if proved practical. It is another invention to add to his list, among which are already the perfection of the Klaxon automobile horn, the acousticon, and storage battery improvements.

Auburn Alumni Clubs

Look Up Your Classmates

ABBEVILLE—W. W. Dawkins, President; S. L. Wood, Secretary-Treasurer.

ALBERTVILLE—J. W. Milner, President; Brasher Hooper, Secretary-Treasurer.

ALEXANDER CITY—Dr. A. L. Harlan, President; Prof. James Gullledge, Vice-President; Roy C. Oliver, Secretary-Treasurer; Meta E. Grace, Correspondent.

ANDALUSIA—J. L. Murphy, President; J. B. Simmons, Secretary-Treasurer.

ANNISTON—Henry H. Booth, President; O. K. Seyforth, Secretary-Treasurer.

ATHENS—J. T. Belue, President; James W. Chambers, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer.

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